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WITH REMINDER SYSTEM AND METHOD

## **DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Declaration is submitted to establish prior invention of the subject matter of the present patent application. The persons making this Declaration are the inventors, Brett Webb and David Lanning.

Accompanying this Declaration are Exhibits A through C to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the effective reference date of February 13, 2001 of Singer U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0111846 coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective reference date to the filing date of April 3, 2001 of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

Exhibit A (3 pages) includes an HP Invention Disclosure submitted by the inventors Brett Webb and David Lanning on May 3, 2000, and received by the HP Legal Department on May 11, 2000. This invention disclosure was assigned HP Patent Disclosure No. 10003933-1 and describes the subject matter of the present patent application. For example, the "Descriptive Title of Invention" describes a "Website that would allow consumer to enter a household inventory of items that require maintenance, repair, and replacement" (Exhibit A, page 1). The second page of the HP Invention Disclosure (Exhibit A, page 2) extensively describes the claimed subject matter of the present application.

Accordingly, Exhibit A establishes conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the effective reference date of February 13, 2001 of Singer U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0111846.

Exhibit B (2 pages along with Attachments 1-6) includes a Declaration of patent attorneys Steven E. Dicke and Paul S. Grunzweig of Dicke, Billig, & Czaja (the patent

Amendment and Response

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attorneys assigned to prepare the present patent application), which details the activities of Paul S. Grunzweig and Steven E. Dicke from at least September 2000 through at least March 2001 directed toward the preparation and filing of the patent application.

Exhibit C (2 pages) includes a facsimile cover page (with confirmation) dated February 6, 2001 from Paul Grunzweig to inventor Brett Webb forwarding a draft patent application and drawings regarding the HP Invention Disclosure 10003933-1 (our file H302.156.101), which corresponds to the subject matter of the present patent application

Accordingly, Exhibits B-C establish diligence from prior to the effective reference date of February 13, 2001 of Singer U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0111846 to the filing of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

From Exhibits A through C it can be seen that the subject matter of the present patent application was conceived prior to the effective reference date of February 13, 2001 of Singer U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0111846 and was coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective reference date to the filing date of April 3, 2001 of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

David Lanning